



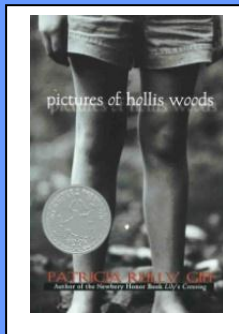
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Hollis Woods is:

the place where a baby is abandoned

the baby's name

an artist

a 12 year old girl

ME!

Another foster home, but this one might be different. Josie's an artist too! I think I might like it here. [6 months ago from web](#)

Went to the ocean with Josie. Reminded me of Old Man and Steven. I miss the Delaware River. I'm trying not to think about Old Man's mountain. [6 months ago from web](#)

Today we went to the movies and I met Josie's cousin Beatrice. It was great, but I'm worried about Josie. She keeps forgetting things. What if they find out and send me away? [5 months ago from web](#)

Beatrice came to dinner tonight. She brought Chinese food, but she wouldn't let me eat until I showed her my art. She said I was lucky and that I was going to be something some day. [4 months ago from web](#)

We've been visiting the ocean a lot lately. I haven't been going to school and Josie doesn't notice. We got caught today and the mustard woman took me to school. [3 months ago from web](#)

Tonight we had a going away party for Beatrice. She's going to New Mexico to paint the desert. I made "Special Deluxe" for dinner. Izzy taught me how to make it. I wonder if she misses me. [2 months ago from web](#)

The mustard woman came today and said they found me a new home. I don't want to go. I can't leave Josie-she needs me. What am I going to do? They are coming for me Saturday. [1 month ago from web](#)

I have to save Josie. We're going to the summer house in Branches. We'll be safe there for a while. I hope Old Man and Izzy don't get mad. [10 days ago from web](#)

The house is just like I remember. My drawing box was right where I left it. I've missed this place. I hope we have enough food. I'm worried about Josie. [1 week ago from web](#)

I keep thinking of Old Man, Izzy, and Steven. They are so close...I saw someone today. I hope they didn't see me. I keep remembering the accident and how it ruined everything. But if I didn't I wouldn't have met Josie..... [4 days ago from web](#)

It's Christmas Eve and Josie found dry milk, pancake mix, and applesauce. We had a feast. I wonder why we didn't see this before. [2 days ago from the web](#)

Christmas Day-we decorated the house with Josie's ornaments and pine boughs that I cut. Everything looks beautiful. I drew a picture of Josie and Bernice selling popcorn at the movies for her gift. She loved it but she misses Bernice. Should I call her? Left Josie some candy just like Izzy likes. Did she find it here? She said Santa brought it and that he came on a snowmobile. That's strange! She finished her wood sculpture of me. I'll treasure it forever. [1 day ago from the web](#)



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Bio: I am an artist! I have been in more foster homes than I can count. I have a secret wish. Can you guess what it is?

Here's a link to my favorite author: Patricia Reilly Giff

http://www.randomhouse.com/features/patricia_reillygiff/patricia_giff.htm

Read about
some of my
favorite artists
here:

<http://www.creativity-portal.com/howto/arts/crafts/art appreciation.artist>

Last night I started remembering the good times with the Reagan's. I realized Steven and Old Man weren't mad at each other because of me. They love each other. And then I realized that Steven is here-he's watching out for me. I think it's time to go home. I'm going to walk to Branches and call Bernice. 12 hours ago from the web

On the way to Branches I saw him-Steven. He was there on his snowmobile. I called Beatrice and she's coming home to take care of Josie, and then I called Izzy. I said I wanted to come home. I finally have my wish-a family! 1 hour ago from the web

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foster kids like me
and how you can
help them here:

http://kidshealth.org/kid/feeling/home_family/foster_families.html

Watch a clip from my movie here:

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